Failure of crops due to drought.

104. *Mr. N. V. Chacko : Will the Government be pleased to state :

( ) the average amount of failure of crops during every year owing to drought in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur ; and

(*b*) whether they have any scheme for preventing the failure of crops in future owing to drought in these taluks ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) No accurate statistics are available.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know the nature of the scheme under consideration ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : There are several items of work of local utility being considered and undertaken. Besides, there is a scheme for irrigating fields by lift irrigation as soon as the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme is completed.

Construction of a new building for the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

105. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 18,680 has been sanctioned as early as 17th March 1915 for the construction of a new building for the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court ;

(*b*) whether there have been cases of theft by breaking open doors in Munsiff's Court building at Perumpavur in the years 1110 to 1113 ;

(*c*) whether the High Court have recommended to the Government on many occasions that the Munsiff's Court building is unsafe, ill-ventilated and not spacious enough and that a new building has to be put up without delay.

(*d*) how many times the High Court has recommended like this ; and

(*e*) what action was taken by the Government on the recommendation of the High Court mentioned above ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There have been two attempts at theft.

(*c*) Yes. The High Court have also recommended urgent improvements to the existing building.

(*d*) Twice.

(*e*) The estimate for the construction of a building for the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur was first sanctioned, but since then the question of the construction of a building to house all the

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[Mr. M. Govinda Pillai.]

Public offices at Perumpavur in one building has been under consideration. In the meanwhile, an estimate for Rs. 3,200 for effecting improvements to the existing Munsiff's Court building at Perumpavur has been sanctioned and is awaiting execution.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there were actual cases of theft committed ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, one in 1112.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether it was detected ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The information is not available with Government.

Departments to which the standardisation scheme was not made applicable.

106. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the respective dates when the standardisation scheme was brought into force in the various departments in the State;

(*b*) whether arrears of pay as per the standardisation scheme was not sanctioned to any of the departmental servants from the date when the scheme came into force, and, if so, in what all departments;

(*c*) what will be the amount that will have to be paid to the servants of the Judicial and Education departments as arrears of salary if the scheme is given effect to from 1-10-1110.

(*d*) who is responsible for the delay in the sanctioning of the scheme so far as the Judicial and Education departments are concerned and what are the causes for the delay; and

(*e*) whether they have issued orders directing that back arrears of salary due to the employees in the Judicial Department need not be paid for the period from 1-10-1110 to the end of Audy 1112, and, if so, what were the reasons for such an order and what will such arrears amount to?

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A * statement showing the respective dates when the standardisation scheme was brought into force in the various departments in the State is laid on the table.

(*b*) Arrears of pay were not allowed in the following cases:—

Judicial Department: (Non-gazetted Staff.)
Education Department.
Public Works Department. Supervisors, Overseers and Draftsmen.

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